

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, I'd respond.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Abboud, thank you very much, that answers my question. We were communicating by telepathic means rather than a microphone and he did answer my question to my satisfaction. Thank you, Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: You're welcome.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Any other discussion on the amendment by Senator Abboud? Seeing none, do you wish to close, Senator Abboud? He waives closing. We will now vote on the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Abboud's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Ashford. Senator, this is AM1549. I have a note that you want to withdraw 1549 and substitute ...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Is that 1296? Is that right?

CLERK: Yes, sir, that's correct.

SPEAKER BAACK: No objection, so ordered. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. This amendment is introduced by myself, Senator Hohenstein and Senator Schellpeper and it is...rises out of the discussions that we've had over the responsibility of parents for serious injury and death to their children and to children generally. The bill is designed to create a, in effect, a crime which does not now exist in Nebraska law and if you will look to page 1395 you will see this amendment. A person who is the parent, guardian, or person having custody or control over a child under the age of 18 commits child endangerment when the person does any of the following, either directly or indirectly: Knowingly, intentionally, or negligently acts in a manner that creates a substantial risk to a child or a child's physical, mental, or emotional health or safety; or abandons a child, and goes on